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For

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Rutland, Vermont

VT

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This certificate is presented to

Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter 1

in recognition of outstanding contributions to Dodge House residents

Christina Morgan, Executive Director — Signature

11/26/2011 — Date

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION

CERTIFICATE of APPRECIATION

presented to

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1, Rutland, VT

For your very generous support of the Wounded Heroes Project coordinated by Green Mountain Branch and therefore in

In recognition of Services Rendered to the Fleet Reserve Association in the true spirit of Loyalty, Protection and Service

Karl W. Zungel, President
Green Mountain Branch # 218

Certificate of Appreciation

from the Friends of Veterans, Inc.

to

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
Chapter 1, Rutland, Vermont

Thank you for your generous support

Richard Reed, President

March 1999

State of Vermont
House of Representatives

Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 24

House concurrent resolution congratulating Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1 on its 25th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Bartlett of Dover, Bostic of St. Johnsbury, Clark of St. Johnsbury, Condon of Colchester, Helm of Castleton, Hunt of Essex, Keogh of Burlington, Krawczyk of Bennington, Larocque of Barnet, Metzger of Milton, Otterman of Topsham, Parent of St. Albans City, Partridge of Windham, Perry of Richford, Pillsbury of Brattleboro, Potter of Clarendon, Shand of Weathersfield and Winters of Williamstown

Whereas, in the years following the Vietnam War, veterans of that conflict encountered numerous problems regarding education, health care, disability benefits, and readjusting to life on the home front, and

Whereas, in the late 1970s, the national Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) was established in Washington, D.C., to address these issues and advocate on behalf of the nation's Vietnam veterans, and

Whereas, the first local VVA chapter was established in Rutland through the efforts of local individuals, including Jake Jacobsen who spotted a newspaper ad in search of Vietnam veterans, and

Whereas, the ad, which was the idea of Donny Bodette, brought together two veterans with opposite political philosophies with Jacobsen being to the left of center and Bodette to the right, and

Whereas, despite their political differences, the two men shared a special camaraderie based on their personal experiences as Vietnam Vets, and

Whereas, a third critical organizer of Chapter 1 was Robert O. Muller, founding president, who was in favor of a national Washington, D.C. lobbying organization, and

Whereas, the organizers recognized that with a force of three dozen local veterans, it was possible to establish a local VVA chapter and still participate in national lobbying activities, and

Whereas, through the efforts of these Vermonters, the Vietnam Veterans of America's first local chapter was established, and

Whereas, as the original chapter, it has members from across the United States, and

Whereas, although the chapter does not have any Canadian members, it works closely with Canadian veterans of the Vietnam War as demonstrated when the Moving Wall (a Vietnam Memorial replica) visited St. Albans, and

Whereas, on April 13, 2005, VVA Chapter 1 will commemorate its 25th anniversary, and

Whereas, VVA Chapter 1 has been of great assistance to veterans in Vermont and elsewhere, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chapter 1 of the Vietnam Veterans of America on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the chapter's president, Adrian Megrath.

Gaye R. Symington
Speaker of the House

Brian E. Dubie
President of the Senate

Attested to:

Donald G. Milne
Clerk, House of Representatives

Date: 1/21/2005

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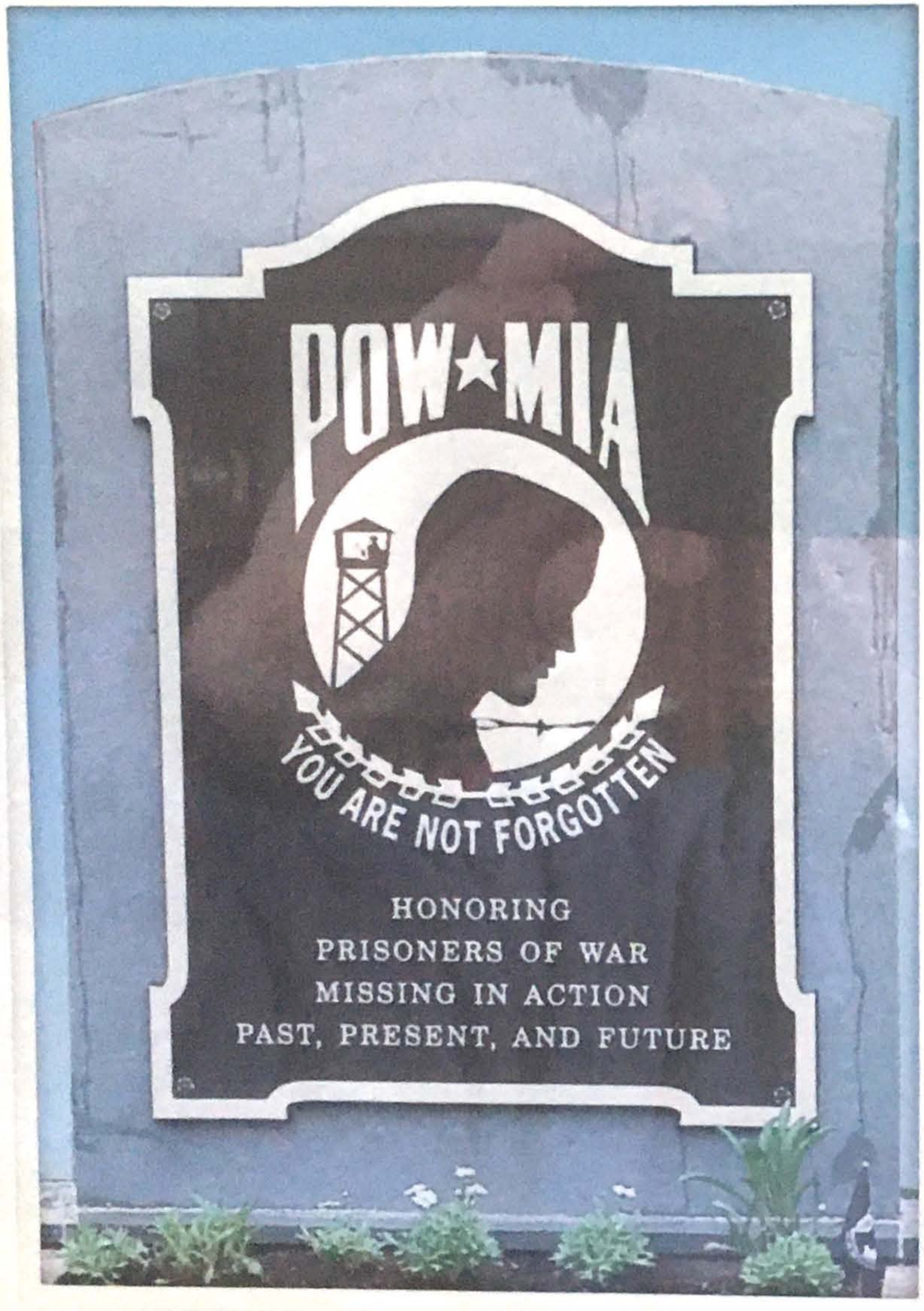

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14 C
South Glens Falls, NY 12803

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1
P.O. Box 6301
Rutland, Vermont 05702

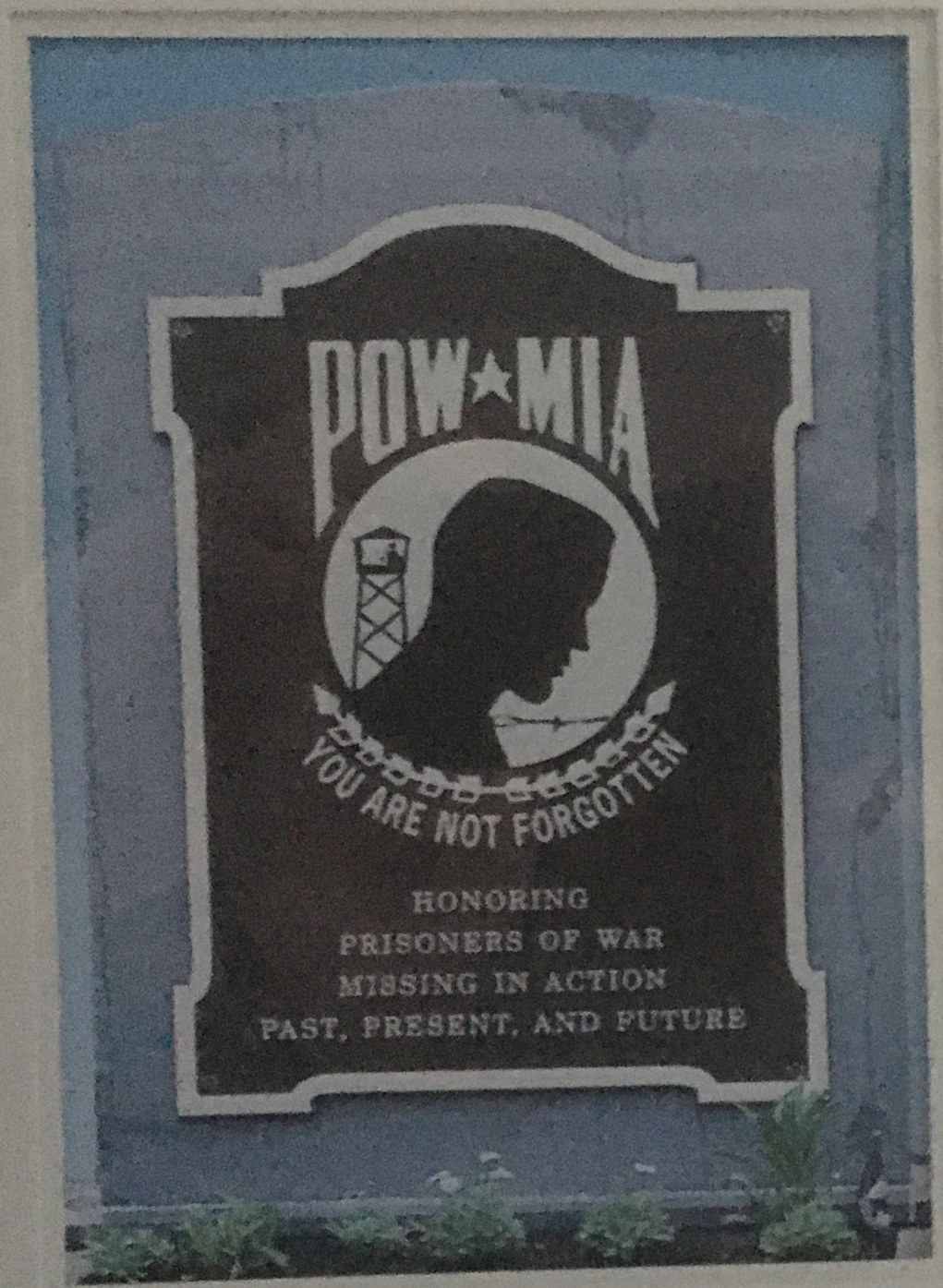
On May 24, 2003, the Fair Haven POW/MIA Monument became a reality, in large part due to your interest and special generosity.

For those who have come home and those who still wait, thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Amorosi
With Joe Donaldson & Steve Eaton

Don Amorosi, NY Chair Vets Serving Vets 1-518-792-2057



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Certificate of Membership

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"Mrs. Boats"

Sons Of The American Legion
Detachment of Vermont

Thank You!!

On behalf of the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Vermont, we would like to thank you for your generous donation.

The Golf Classic 2000 was a complete success. Because of your generosity we were able to raise $9,600.00. All profits were donated to Veterans' and Children's programs in Vermont.

We look forward to your support in the 2001 Golf Classic.

Again, Thank You.

For God and Country,

Tony Morgan
Commander
SAL Detachment of Vermont

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CHAPTER ONE

Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
2000 - 2001

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to

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Thank You!!

For your generous contributions donated to the

3rd Annual SAL Golf Classic 2001

Sons of the American Legion
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Detachment Commander

John Waite
Sr.Vice Commander

Sons of the American Legion
Detachment of Vermont
2001 - 2002

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4th Annual SAL Golf Classic 2002

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2002 - 2003

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5th Annual SAL Golf Classic 2003

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Dave Gipson
Golf Chairman

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Thank You!!

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2nd Annual SAL Golf Classic 2000

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Tony Morgan

Tony Morgan, Detachment Commander

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CHAPTER #1 COLOR GUARD

Thank you for your participation in the

EVERGREEN HOLIDAY PARADE

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TOYS FOR TOTS

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"
November 22, 1998

Evergreen Bank, N.A.

Daniel J. Burke, President

United States of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 105th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1998

Senate

TRIBUTE TO DONALD BODETTE

A Veteran's Veteran

Statement of Senator James M. Jeffords

Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen hero. His name is Donald Bodette and he passed away last August 10th after a long battle with cancer. However, his legacy lives on and he will be honored on June 14th at the Dodge Development Center in Rutland.

Don retired from the Marine Corps in 1968 and received a Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Vietnam. For those of us who knew Don, this information was a well kept secret. He was never inclined to tell you about his heroics. He did tell war stories as a way to draw other Vietnam Veterans out of their isolation. Don's theory was a very simple one and is the premise used today to help Vietnam Veterans worldwide — discussing traumatic war experiences with another veteran with a similar experience is the best way to heal.

An article in *The Rutland Herald* on August 12, 1997 announced that Donny had passed away, at age 48, at the VA hospital in White River Junction. As I read, I was struck by some of the tales recounted by his fellow veterans. Three of Don's best friends, Jake Jacobsen, Albert Trombley and Clark Howland, talked about meeting Don through a newspaper ad that only said, "Vietnam Veterans, we need to talk." According to Trombley, "He didn't have any master plan. He would stop and look for people, he would put advertisements in the paper to get veterans to come out, and once he found one or two, they would find two or three. He got all around the state of Vermont."

In the late 1970s, Don was instrumental in shaping the course of a fledgling organization known as the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). He believed that the VVA should be more than an activist group, and Don was so successful in his efforts to establish local chapters that Rutland, Vermont boasts the first VVA chapter in the country. According to Jake Jacobsen, "Donny and I never worried about membership. If we're good enough, they'll want to join us."

Don helped found the Veterans Assistance Office (VAO) in Rutland sixteen years ago. It was designed as a non-profit community based organization to support veterans in a variety of different ways. The VAO still serves in that capacity today. The VAO's current director, Clark Howland says of Bodette, "I owe him a lot. He helped an unknown number. I'd say it would run in the thousands of veterans. And what we're doing now is just to carry on for what Donny started."

Farewell Don. Your legacy of service will live on through your selfless acts that improved the lives of countless Vermont veterans.

Jim Jeffords

State of Vermont
House of Representatives

Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 262

House concurrent resolution saluting the Vermonters who served in the Vietnam War, honoring the memory of those who died in this conflict, and designating March 29, 2014 as Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Day in Vermont

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, the years of the Vietnam War were especially difficult for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who fought in this conflict, and

Whereas, American soldiers were engaged in consistent combat under extremely trying conditions, and when they returned home faced a problematic transition, and

Whereas, according to the National Archives, 58,300 American military personnel serving in Vietnam died, or are presumed dead, as a result of combat, illness, or other war-related circumstances, and

Whereas, the same National Archives data compilation indicate that of the 7,236 Vermonters who served in Vietnam, 138 perished, or are presumed to have died, while serving, and

Whereas, it is especially important to remember those American military personnel, both from Vermont and across the United States, who made the ultimate sacrifice when called to serve their nation in the Vietnam War, and

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

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RUTLAND CHAPTER #1

POW-MIA

on their 25th Anniversary

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In Service to America

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Sponsorship Award

is being presented to:

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Chapter #1

for all your support and dedication to all veterans on August 8, 1998 at the Vermont Veterans Home, in Bennington, Vermont

Thank you for caring,
With Regards

John J. Miner
Vermont State Council President

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented On behalf of
Vietnam Veterans of America, Region One
to

CHAPTER ONE, RUTLAND VERMONT
The 1st Chapter in the US

On April 13, 1980 your chapter took
the first step in organizing. Due to
your efforts, today we are here not
only for a Regional Conference but
also to say
"Happy 20th Anniversary"

Presented By
Region One Director, John J. Miner

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